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## **PROVIDENCE'S JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded \$172,000 to the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University in Providence. The grant, for expenditure over two years, is for the support of post-doctoral fellowships at the Library, and is one among a series of grants made by the Endowment to Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions.

“As an alum of Brown University, I am familiar with the uniqueness of the collections contained at the John Carter Brown Library, and I am pleased to announce these funds to make the resources at the Library more accessible to academics conducting research,” Senator Chafee said. “The fellowships awarded as a result of this grant will allow researchers to access materials from the early Americas that are virtually unavailable anywhere else in the world,” he continued.

Founded in 1846 and located at Brown University since 1901, the John Carter Brown Library is an independently funded and administered center for advanced study specializing in the history of the Americas, North and South, prior to 1825.

The Library awards approximately thirty research fellowships every year, several of which have been underwritten by grants from the NEH.

According to the Director of the Library, Dr. Norman Fiering, “It is part of the essential mission of the John Carter Brown Library to offer qualified scholars from distant parts of the country modest financial support when their research requires that they travel to

Providence to use the Library's unique resources."

The John Carter Brown Library houses one of the world's outstanding collections of early and rare Americana, covering the area from Greenland to Patagonia. The more than 45,000 volumes dating from before 1825 include, for example, European accounts of voyages by explorers, literature on the growth of the colonies including the slave trade, accounts of the American Indians, religious writings, and literature on the colonial wars and wars for independence. The Library also has an extensive collection of maps dating from 1477 to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.

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